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SUBJECT: YAR-ROK RELATIONS

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1. DEPARTMENT ENDORSES SUGGESTION (REFTEL PARA 5)
FROM EMBASSY SEOUL THAT A YARG GESTURE TOWARDS ROK AT
THIS TIME WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE. IT APPEARS DESIRABLE
ATTEMPT CONTINUE MAINTAIN MOMENTUM ON ISSUE OF ESTABLISH-
MENT BILATERAL YAR-ROK RELATIONS AT THIS TIME, LEST
UNCERTAINTY AND PROBABLY RENEWED COMMUNIST BLOCK PRESSURES
AGAIN LEAD TO UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENTS IN FALL OF 1976,
AS OCCURED IN FALL OF 1975. IN ADDITION, CURRENT MOOD
OF OPTIMISM OF REGIME IN WAKE OF APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL
HAMDI VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, SUGGESTS THIS IS APPROPRIATE
TIME TO MOVE.

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2. IF YOU THINK ADVISABLE, YOU MAY WISH SUGGEST IN LOW-KEY FASHION TO FOREIGN MINISTER AL-ASNAG OR TO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GEGHMAN TO CONTACT ROK AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA TO SET IN MOTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT TO SEOUL. YOU MAY WISH TO ADD OUR OPINION THAT SUCH A VISIT HAS GOOD CHANCE OF SETTING IN MOTION ROK ACTION ON ROCK SALT PURCHASES. KISSINGER

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